

# Rain floods campus Enrollment rises

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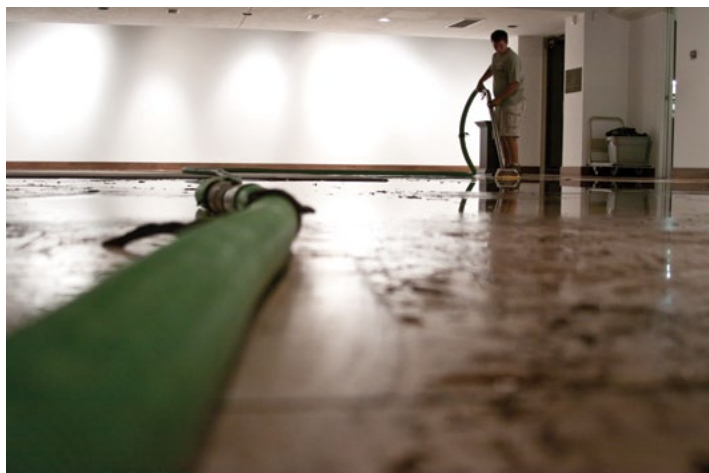
Vice President of Finance Terry Dennis has been at Florida Southern for 22 years, has lived through several hurricanes, but says he has never experienced the amount of water that surged through campus Aug. 22 after an afternoon storm.

"The amount of water just overwhelmed the drainage system," Dennis said. "Over the two and a half weeks before, we had gotten a lot of water and the ground was saturated."

Due to the pre-existing moisture in the ground, the rainwater continued to run down Johnson Street until it reached drainage that could not take on more water or diverted into the Branscomb parking lot. Land north of the campus also sits at a slightly higher elevation than FSC.

Rainwater drainage begins as far away as the Polk Museum of Art on East Palmetto Street and should flow south to Lake Hollingsworth.

The heavy rainfall affected three areas of campus on Aug. 22. Polk Science received some water underneath doors, but no standing water.



**Cleaning crews work to clean rainwater from the Melvin Art Gallery floor.**



*Photo courtesy of Amanda Glickman*

**Dr. Vicki Wuertz watches the rain outside of Branscomb Auditorium Aug. 22.**

The center area of Fletcher Theatre saw water due to the structure of the building. Water seeped under the doorway and the tilted floor allowed water to collect in the middle of the room.

The most notable floodwaters could be found in the humanities building, primarily in Buckner Theatre. Water accumulated underneath the hydraulic lift in the stage where the standing water was trapped and spread to surrounding hallways and closets full of clothing and props.

"It would be a real shame to lose (the

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**Christine Simone**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

It is no secret that the number of new students set a record this fall, but the enrollment increase leaves many students to question what led to the campus growth.

The number of students who enrolled in fall 2007 was 531, nearly 200 fewer than the 728 who began at FSC Aug. 21.

The Office of Admissions attributes the sudden enrollment growth to a number of factors such as inclusion in college guides, campus beautification efforts, academic focus and FSC as a whole.

Bill Langston, Director of Admissions, attributes the recent success to the collaborative recruitment process.

"It takes the coordination of the entire campus community; faculty, staff, maintenance, everyone," Langston said.

Inclusion in publications such as the Princeton Review and FISKE guide have increased the visibility of the resulting in an increased volume of visitors to the college.

Almost 700 more prospective students visited FSC last year than in 2007 and the total number of applications increased by more than 400.

"The quality of the classes has steadily improved. Statistically, this is a more highly qualified class," Langston said.

On average, the class of 2014 scored nine points higher on the SAT and earned a higher high school GPA.

While the official student/faculty ratio has not been determined yet for this semester, Provost Russ Warren predicts that the college-wide ratio may have increased slightly this semester, but the ratio may not be particularly reflective of the entire campus.

"I would estimate that the ratio is down in the School of Business where additional

faculty were added and up in the sciences where student enrollment is especially high," Warren said.

Additionally, Langston is particularly proud of the growth of the out-of-state population and geographic diversity. From 2009 to 2010, the percentage of incoming students from out of state jumped from 33 percent to 42 percent.

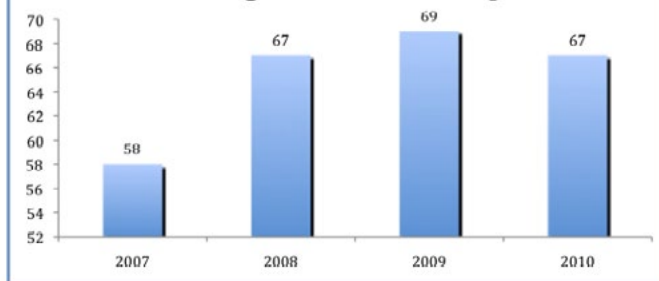
There has been a more intentional focus on marketing the college in recent years and Langston believes part of the interest in FSC has been fostered as a result of President Anne Kerr's vision for FSC.

"Her hard work has played a major role in the growth of the college," Langston said.

## Enrollment

2006.....	569
2007.....	531
2008.....	624
2009.....	679
2010.....	728

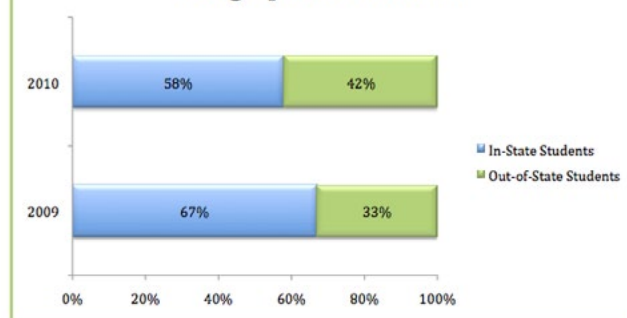
## Percentage of Students Accepted



*Graphics by Samantha Mattell*

**All figures are based on both freshman and transfer applications. Data courtesy of the Office of Admissions.**

## Geographic Breakdown



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# News

## Students are eligible to vote in Lakeland

Megan Getter  
Staff Writer

For many FSC students, voting can be a complicated process. Students who are registered outside of Polk County either vote on absentee ballots mailed to them, vote early, or just don't vote at all.

Students also have the option of registering to vote in Polk County. Using their school address, election officials consider students eligible voters in Polk County and for Lakeland municipal elections.

"A college student may vote in a Lakeland election if they update their voter registration information and show their Lakeland address as their residential address," Lakeland City Clerk Kelly Koos said.

Registering to vote in Lakeland, however, changes an individual's eligibility in their hometown.

"For instance, if your home is in Frostproof but you're attending college in Lakeland, you can change your residential address to Lakeland but you would then become ineligible to vote in a Frostproof election," Koos said.

Students can start the process by just getting registered in the first place, said Judy Walker, Director of Community Services for the Polk County Elections Office.

Voter registration applications are available in various locations throughout the county. They can be found at public libraries, local business or can be completed online at [www.polkelections.com](http://www.polkelections.com).

"Voter registration is easy and convenient. A student simply needs to complete a voter registration application and submit it to the Elections Office," Walker said.

A voter's eligibility of determined by the Supervisor of Elections' Office.

An individual has to attest to having met the eligibility requirements on their application including, "US citizenship, ap-

plicant's name, residence address, date of birth, driver's license number or the last four digits of social security number, and the applicant's signature," Walker said.

Those registering also have to prove that their "voting rights have not been removed because of a felony conviction or being declared mentally incapacitated," Walker continues. "If any of the eligibility boxes are not marked or any of the required information is not provided, the applicant will not be deemed registered to vote until all of the required information has been provided."

Junior Amy Wolfinger has spent the past three years at FSC, and has never considered changing her voter registration.

"I vote in Brevard County for my dad. He's the state attorney, which is a four-year elected position. He's retiring soon, but I'll be leaving Lakeland. I don't really have a reason to vote in Lakeland," Wolfinger said.

Sophomore Kendra Haley still votes by absentee ballot for candidates in her hometown of Linden, Michigan.

"I feel like I'm more aware of what's going on back home, and that's where I'll make a bigger impact. I don't feel like I'm a part of the Lakeland community, so I don't see the point of voting here," Haley said.

According to Koos, the City of Lakeland has never made an effort to get students involved in local politics. Koos said that the city welcomes students to get involved, and become part of the community.

"There are several opportunities for students to get involved in the community in Lakeland such as Lakeland's Municipal Boards & Committees and Volunteers in Public Service. The City of Lakeland is always looking for volunteers," Koos said.

The city also provides two websites, [ylakeland.com](http://ylakeland.com) and [emergelakeland.com](http://emergelakeland.com), that target Lakeland's college students and recent graduates.

## Flooding

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hydraulic lift)," sophomore Susie Knowles said. "There were a lot of awesome vintage purses that we had to sadly throw out and boxes of shoes and wigs had to go."

Aside from the material damage to property stored in the affected areas, Dennis says there was no lasting damage to the buildings and building walls. Some areas of carpet required replacement, but the majority of floors were tile.

The Melvin Art Gallery retained some water, but the empty tile room made for a simpler clean up than in other areas of campus.

"We were very lucky there was not a show. There was nothing on the floor," Dennis said. "The computer lab has all table top models so the water on the floor didn't get to the wires."

Other areas of campus were not as easy. Crews from ServePro worked for two and a half days to prepare the campus in time

to open for classes on Aug. 25. Additional crews were called in from Winter Haven, Haines City and Plant City to assist in the effort.

The college has yet to receive the bill for the clean up, but Dennis assures students that the cost will not be reflected on student accounts.

"The only real cost is water extraction," Dennis said. "I haven't seen the bill on that, but it will probably be more than we would have wanted to pay if we could have seen this coming."

This was not the first time the lower end of campus has flooded. Eight years ago the hallway leading to the Melvin Art Gallery and the professors' offices lining the hallway fell victim to flooding. Ironically, construction was underway at the time to install the wall and retention pond adjacent to the Hollis Room intended to divert water away from the humanities building.

## Students move 'inn'

Kelsey Tressler  
Assistant Section Editor

Florida Southern was forced to adapt to the large number of freshmen and transfer students by creating new off-campus housing options.

With the large number of incoming students, FSC has had to make adjustments to the living situations. Freshmen live in Jenkins Hall and Dell Hall as well as the traditional freshmen residence halls, according to Director of Community Living Mindy Baine. Students now also live in a wing of the Holiday Inn South, and several apartments and houses off campus.

"I feel that having (so many) freshmen without adequate housing was poor planning," sophomore Pierson Meierdiercks said. "Having a larger number of freshmen is fine, but we need more residence halls before we can accommodate such a large incoming class."

Admissions counselors contacted students over the summer to ask them if they would like to live in the Holiday Inn or find off-campus housing. The cost of staying at the hotel is the same as living in a double room on campus, and some students had the option to move onto college campus when space became available.

"As openings have become available on campus, the Office of Community Living has moved students from the Holiday Inn to campus," Baine said.

Students staying at the Holiday Inn receive many benefits from the deal. They receive free laundry, a personal bathroom, microwaves and refrigerators. Residents also have access to the hotel swimming pool, receive discounts from the hotel restaurant, and have a complimentary membership to Gold's gym.

The rooms are equipped with 32" televisions and both roommates receive queen-sized beds. Housekeeping also comes in to clean twice a week and replace toilet paper, according to Baine.

However, there are drawbacks to the rooms as well. The hotel is situated 2.5 miles from campus, making commuting difficult for students who do not have transportation. A shuttle is offered for the students who need it.

"The shuttle for the hotel is need-based, meaning it doesn't run at the same time every way," Baine said. "There is a sign-up sheet at the front desk of students sign up for times they need service."

Living so far away can exclude residents from events that take place on campus, and may also limit them from using facilities such as the Roux Library, the tutor tables in the Career Center and the Technology Center. Residents of the Holiday Inn also have less access to Wynee's Bistro and other dining options on campus.

The halls have resident advisors and a housing director, all of whom oversee the residents. The distance from campus should not limit their college experience, according to Baine.

"Together with the students, these staff members create community that allows students to build friendships, memories, and a connection to FSC, just as in all of our other residential facilities," Baine said.

School-owned houses and apartment complexes were also made available for upperclassmen to help with the housing issues.

"I think it's good," senior Yatin Savani said of the off-campus housing. "I think it will be a good idea for international students, so they can stay in a hotel. Transfers are a problem, though, because students don't all have class at the same time. The shuttle won't be sufficient for them."

Savani lives in Nicholas Hall, and has not encountered difficulties due to the number of people flowing into FSC.

"I haven't had any problems because I'm a senior, but I have friends who had to wait two months for housing assignments," Savani said.

## News Briefs

### Study abroad photos displayed

The Melvin Art Gallery will display student photography from the 2010 study abroad trip to Italy. This exhibit will last from Sept. 3 to 24 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The reception will be held on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. For more information contact the gallery at 863-680-4743.

### Symposium honors professor

FSC will sponsor a symposium dedicated to the late Dr. John L. "Jack" Spencer. The symposium will take place on Sept. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. The event is open to the public. To attend you must RSVP by Sept. 3 to Penny Snoke at 863-680-4316 or [psnoke@flsouthern.edu](mailto:psnoke@flsouthern.edu).

### Law School Caravan

FSC will host the Law School Caravan on Sept. 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Honeyman Pavilion. Representatives from 39 law schools will be available to talk

to students interested in attending a top law school or graduate school. This event is open to students and alumni from local colleges as well as those from FSC. For more information contact the Career Center at 863-680-4390.

### Flick 'n' Float

Come grab a raft and float under the stars at the pool while watching Step Brothers. CSI and SYE will host this event on Sept. 3 at 9 p.m. at the pool.

### Recruitment

Formal recruitment will be held Sept. 22-25. For more information or to sign up go to [http://www.flsouthern.edu/student\\_life/greeklife/recruitment.htm](http://www.flsouthern.edu/student_life/greeklife/recruitment.htm). For further questions about fraternity recruitment, contact Bryan Ellrod at [bellrod@flsouthern.edu](mailto:bellrod@flsouthern.edu). For questions about Panhellenic recruitment, contact Megan Getter at [fsc.recruitment@gmail.com](mailto:fsc.recruitment@gmail.com)

# Campus collaboration causes change

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The new semester brings many new and exciting changes to the Florida Southern College campus.

Changes to campus began in the spring semester with the addition of the Christoverson building on Johnson Avenue. The building will serve as the school's new humanities building while the current humanities building will be dedicated primarily to the varying art departments. The dedication of the building will take place on Nov. 12 and classes will move to the Christoverson building in the spring semester.

The changes that students are most looking forward to are the new later hours throughout the campus. Student Life and the Bandshell are open until 7 p.m.

The Business Office is open until 5 p.m. to accommodate students who have questions about their accounts but had trouble making it to the office before it closed last year. The Health Center now operates seven days a week with its new Saturday hours from 3-8 p.m.



Photos by Christine Simone

The technology center is now open until 1 a.m. providing a better opportunity for students to have access to computers. TuTu's will remain open and serving food and drinks until 4 a.m.

The changes in hours are due to SGA's response to students' requests. Students asked for a place to be open late where they could study in groups and have access to computers and printers, while also having a few food options for a late night or early morning snack.

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**Tricia Fajen**  
Sophomore

for two reasons," Thompson said. "One, it provides the technology students need and, two, it provides a visible, safe and highly trafficked area for students to have fun."

The Terrace Café experienced a complete change, from a new menu to new seating and a jukebox. This remodeling began three years ago with the construction in Wynee's Bistro. The leftover money was used to change the Terrace. Some students feel the jukebox brings a classic feel to the Terrace and are more than willing to spare the change to hear some music.

"I think that it makes a more exciting atmosphere," said senior Danielle Glenn. "It makes you want to hang out down there."

Other changes include the new free laundry system, alterations at the Grill Master including new food and themed menus changing weekly. The slushie machine in Wynee's Bistro is also new and Internet

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**Matt Thompson**  
Dean of Student Development

bandwidth has been increased.

Student Life also plans to try something new with convocation in November. The "Life Boat" will be an interactive convocation where students judge and vote on which professor will be most beneficial and deserves the last spot in the lifeboat.

"I really like all of the changes," Tricia Fajen, sophomore, said. "Overall, if someone, for some reason, is not happy with one of the changes, they will most likely be happy with at least one of the other changes."

Starting with this semester's first-year students, FSC will provide a guaranteed study abroad trip called the Junior Journey. These trips are designed to educate students in cultural diversity.

"We're committed to global education,"

Matt Thompson, Dean of Student Development, said. "For that to happen, students need to go away and experience the lives of others."

The Junior Journey focuses on gaining cultural knowledge and seeing the world as a global community through completing service projects. Trips may be abroad or around the United States and may last anywhere from a week to a semester.

Students leaving the Second-Year Experience may have joined the Third-Year Resident Initiative Program. This next step in FSC development is joined by an optional class component.

"This course satisfies several SLOs," Thompson said. "It will teach students about living and learning through community service."

Thompson believes this new program will bring the entirety of students' lives into one innovative activity.

"With luck we'll see more of this happen," Thompson said. "This is a test pilot for the outgrowth of success."

## New Campus Hours

**TuTus:**

Open until 4 a.m.  
Sun-Th

**Bandshell:**

Open until 7 p.m.

**Tech Center:**

Open until 1 a.m.

**Business Office:**

Open until 5 p.m.

**Health Center:**

Now open daily, 3-8 p.m. on Sat.



The Christoverson building will be dedicated in November.

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# Opinions

## Southern reaches out to student body

The Southern has been using the tagline “The Student Voice of Florida Southern College” for decades, but that raises the question -- whose voice are we really representing?

There is a difference between PR and news reporting, a divide that I am sad to say even some communication students fail to see. For clarification, The Southern is not a propaganda piece that simply mirrors the desires of the institution. The information we report is reached only after research and interviews spent in the pursuit of the both sides of the story.

With that said, I can see what gives rise to the misperception. Press releases, e-mail requests and personal contact with writers are some of the primary ways writers brainstorm story ideas and some divisions on campus do a better job than others of staying in contact with members of The Southern.

With a staff of roughly a dozen, it would be unrealistic to operate under the assumption that the staff knows every event, occurrence or piece of news that affects the Florida Southern community. We try our best to represent the student body, but there is always plenty of room for improvement. That’s where you come into play.

So here’s the proposal. Let’s hold each other accountable. Let us know what types of news interests you enough to want to see it in The Southern. Is it entertainment? Hard news? Features? Sports? Photos?

Have an idea for a story you would like to see in The Southern? Have a friend that has accomplishments you believe worthy of face time? Let us begin to personalize the paper to the needs and interests of you, the FSC community, but remember we

cannot do it without your help.

It seems safe to say that FSC has a fairly opinionated student body, so why not share those thoughts in the form of a Letter to the Editor? Editorial submissions do not need to be responses to something we’ve written, but can serve as a method for your voice to be heard regarding any topic.

This very column is a symbol of our dedication to this ideal. Last semester you wanted the Southern to move to a signed editorial, so here it is. Still branded as the Southern View, but notice the presence of a name at the bottom of the column.

The success of The Southern is a joint responsibility, you tell us your preferences and we will strive to deliver a quality publication.

The Southern is also always open to the addition of new staff members. A variety of writers is nice to have, but the true success of any organization come from the assortment of different skills and talents each member can bring to the table.

If you have ever felt an inclination to give article writing a shot, wanted to dabble with photography, wanted to see your design skills be put to use or just been curious about how a newspaper operates you are more than welcome to sit in on a meeting or to approach any member of The Southern’s editorial board. Their contact information is listed below.

Any submissions whether it questions, comments, article ideas, photos, etc can be sent to fscsouthern@yahoo.com or if you would prefer, you may even send them directly to me, csimone@flsouthern.edu.

-Christine Simone

### A Southern VIEW

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# FSC welcomes new professors

**Kerri Stinson**  
Features Editor

As the newest member of the political science department, Bruce Anderson, already has numerous plans to improve the political science curriculum at Florida Southern College.

One of the first things that Anderson wants to do to the new curriculum is to add an internship program and provide students with the ability to shadow professionals in the field.

Also, he intends to create more opportunities for students to travel by planning trips to Washington D.C., creating a may option and making other study abroad trips available to students.

Some of the places that Anderson would like to have study abroad programs are at Harlaxton College in England as well as some schools in Holland.

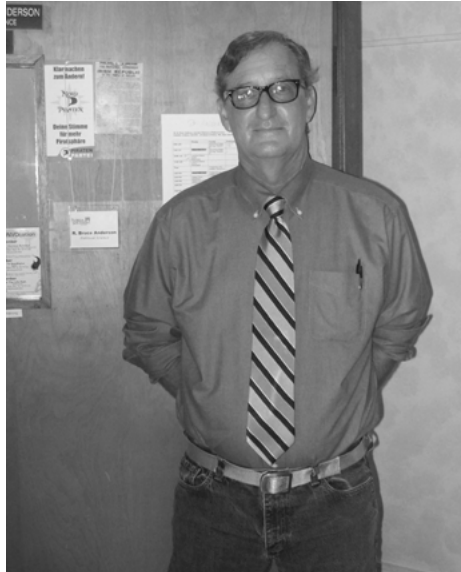
By giving students the opportunity to travel abroad, Anderson plans to create courses here at FSC that can be continued in the study abroad programs to create a better link in international studies.

To make the students life easier, Anderson wants to create a regular rotation of courses so that the students are aware of what classes are being offered each semester.

Also, he wants to establish an equal balance of American and international courses to give students a more diverse curriculum.

"I got into teaching because I like to tell people what I found out [through my research] and students are a good audience for that," Anderson said. "People need to be informed and need to know how their government is run."

He came involved in politics working on Gary Hart's campaign in California when



**Dr. Bruce Anderson is the newest addition to the political science department at FSC.**

he realized that he wanted to go back to school and further pursue political science.

Anderson completed his undergraduate degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, which is a liberal arts school located in Delaware, OH. Anderson recalls his days at Ohio Wesleyan University as a very positive experience where he learned a distribution of skills and knowledge.

To escape teaching, Anderson enjoys playing tennis, which he coached at Baker University where he taught before coming to FSC.

On his time off from teaching, he spends his summers doing research and spending time with his two children, who have dual citizen of Germany, by traveling.



**Dr. Drew Dalton joins FSC as the new philosophy professor.**

ence and became a better person.

He views graduate school as a luxury that allows a person to look for a deeper meaning. He described a person in graduate school like an ostrich, but instead of sticking his or her head in the sand, a grad student sticks his or her heads into books.

During his down time, Dalton enjoys playing the guitar and practicing his latest hobby, which is skateboarding. Throughout the summer, Dalton continues to do a lot of search, writes articles and attends many conferences.

Another hobby of Dalton's is art photography and traveling. One place that Dalton would move to in a heart beat if he could is London, England.

With having a grandmother who worked in commercial graphic design and a mother who is a high school art teacher, it is no surprise that Kelly Sturhahn chose a career in art.

As the newest professor in the art department, Sturhahn is teaching design fundamentals and drawing one.

When looking for a job, Sturhahn was drawn to FSC because of its size, which allows professors to get to know everyone. Also, she wanted to come to FSC because it is a liberal arts college that has a well-rounded curriculum and a study abroad program.

Prior to working at FSC, Sturhahn worked at Michael Werner Gallery, the Museum of Modern Art and teaching at Hunter College as well as a high school in Bronx.

During her undergraduate work at Ringling School of Art and Design, where she earned a bachelor of fine arts, Sturhahn was able to develop her skills, gain a strong foundation and found her path in life.

As a graduate student at Hunter College, where she received a master of fine arts, Sturhahn explored a lot by expos-

As a native of Lawrence Kansas, where he lived for six years, Gabe Langford is the newest addition to the science department at Florida Southern College.

Growing up, Langford developed a major interest in nature such as catching several types of animals including frogs, snakes, ants, toads and mice. He also kept several of the animals he caught as pets such as a hog nose snake.

As an undergrad, Langford studied environmental science at the University of Kansas. For his masters, he studied herpetology, which is the study of amphibians and reptiles. Also, Langford received his doctorate at the University of Nebraska in parasitology, which is the study of parasites.

When looking for a job, Langford and his wife realized that they missed the southeast.

"I chose to come to FSC because when I was searching for a job, I saw the position of aquatic biologist, which is what I wanted to do," Langford said. "Also, the job would give me the ability to be involved in

As the new choral director at FSC, Beth Gibbs is in charge of four different choirs and co-teaches a conducting course and honors fine arts appreciation course.

Gibbs began her love for singing at an early age by being involved in the choirs in middle school and high school where she felt at home.

"I knew I wanted to teach because I remember telling my dad that I knew just singing was not going to be enough," Gibbs said. "I couldn't image doing anything else."

"I chose to come to FSC because of its tradition for being a small liberal arts college and the fact that I grew up Methodist so I knew I would agree with the mission statement of the college," Gibbs said.

As an undergrad, Gibbs attended Stetson University earning a bachelor of music education. For her masters, she attended East Carolina University where she received two degrees, which were a masters of music in choral conducting and the second was in vocal performance. Finally, she earned her doctorate of musical arts in choral conducting at the University of Miami, which she considers her hometown.

During her short time at FSC, Gibbs has come to find everyone warm and friendly



**Dr. Kelly Sturhahn is the newest professor in the art department.**

ing herself to different types of art in the city. Also, during her graduate work, she learned so much in her classes from her classmates and a lot about what it means to be an artist.

During her down time, Sturhahn enjoys reading, watching movies, spending time with friends and taking walks to take pictures.

To share her love of movies with the FSC community, Sturhahn is teaming up with Drew Dalton to create a film series, which will view movies twice a month in Branscomb 202.



**Dr. Gabe Langford joins the biology department to teach students about the environment.**

undergraduate research in the lakes."

This semester, Langford is teaching environmental, ecology and biology for your life, which is a non-major biology course. He feels that going from fieldwork to teaching was natural because growing up with three younger brothers he constantly talked about what he had done and found.

When Langford is not teaching or doing research, he likes scuba diving, mountain biking and back packing.



**Dr. Beth Gibbs joins the FSC community as the new Director of Choral Studies.**

and has received a lot of positive energy especially from the students.

When she has down time, Gibbs likes to go to the beach, do cross words and indulges in her addiction for crimes shows especially Law and Order Criminal Intent, which is her favorite.

Another addiction of Gibbs' is her obsession with Ricky Martin. "I have gone to one concert which was a life changing experience," Gibbs said.

During the summer, Gibbs tries to take a month off in order to visit friends and family. She also tends to join professional choral programs such as the Santa Fe desert choral.

**Look for more biographies on the new professors in the next issue of The Southern.**

# Orientation

# Orientation



Mocsie jokes with a new student as she signs paperwork during the Orientation and move-in process.



President Anne Kerr is all smiles as she helps new students move into their homes away from home.



Mocsie gets a ride on a dolly from a parent during move in day. Mocsie was a visible presence at many Orientation events.



Resident advisor Jessica Kaepernik welcomes new students to FSC during move in.



Students sleep with hypnotist C.J. Johnson during an evening Orientation event in Branscomb Auditorium.



Mercedes Zoller reacts to cues while hypnotized.



Resident advisor Jeanine Rodino dances in a hypnotized state with other students.



Orientation leader Brandon Puzzo breaks it down for C.J. Johnson and the audience.

# Orientation

# Welcome Back Week



Students gather in Ordway to play Bingo, an event sponsored by ACE, in Ordway on Aug. 23.



David Bollen concentrates on his Bingo card and hopes for a big win during ACE's Bingo event.



Resident advisors Sam Tyburski and Lisa Gilbert excitedly prepare for upper-classmen check-in.



Resident advisors Erin Sneed, Kelly Madden and Madeline Watts display part of a prize pack for the Price Is Right Aug. 27, an annual event sponsored by Community Living.



Alpha Delta Pi sisters Katie O'Neil, Katie House, Tina Spalten and Bethany Henderson show pride in their sisterhood during the Greek Life pool party.



Hall Director Garrett Martinez, playing the part of Bob Barker, shows his excitement during the Price is Right.



# Welcome Back Week



Brittney Hoogland and fellow ACE members ready raffle tickets before Baby Wants Candy. Students in attendance had the opportunity to win a gift card.



Orientation leaders Alan Silva, Rob Tucker, Mike Czenszak and Alexa Gardener take a break from Orientation events to take a photo with the ABC news truck on campus.



The Carter twins pose with a fan after performing a variety of songs in Branscomb on Aug. 25.



Photo by Jessica Kaepernik

A student shoots hoops at Blast Off on Saturday. Students had the opportunity to learn about the many organizations FSC has to offer.



Adara Powell and Hannah Weldon show off the prize television set that was part of the showcase showdown at the Price is Right.

# Sports

## Wellness center promotes SAGA theme

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The SAGA topic for the 2010-2012 academic school years is Health and Wellness. The director of SAGA, LuAnn Mims said that the college plans to concentrate primarily on the subjects of preventive health and chronic disease.

"SAGA offers everyone a chance to come together as a group through avenues like the common reading and the Haiti earthquake," said Mims. "Everyone felt a connection. SAGA offers a way for an English professor and a science professor to come together."

This year's common reading "Happier" focuses on the subject of positive psychology. Mims described it as a "self-awareness guide for students, faculty [and] staff" that highlights "goals, strengths and being happy."

"If you're going to a job everyday that you hate, then it's not making you happy, it's all about the choices that students are making right now," Mims said.

For Mims, health and wellness are about first gaining self-awareness and then branching out.

"You start with self and connect with eating right, and (learning) family genetically predisposed to disease," Mims said.

"Awareness is about choice. The right choice now will hopefully keep you out of the statistics down the road.

The assistant director of wellness programs, Michael McElveen agrees that de-

isions we make are important.

"Our hope is that we can get the message across that behavioral things start now," McElveen said.

McElveen said that some students might find it difficult to relate to the topic of chronic disease. The message he wants to get across is that it is all about lifestyle choices, both short and long term.

"Sometimes the automatic response to health and wellness is nutrition and exercise, but there's much more [to wellness] with mental and emotional health [topics]," McElveen said

The college will again be holding a SAGA film festival. This semester the films include "Food, Inc." showing on Sept. 27 and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" showing on Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. in Thrift.

The film "Food, Inc." is a Robert Kenner documentary that delves into food processing and the health implications of industry practices. The film also highlights the relationships between the industry and government.

McElveen will lead a discussion on the film. McElveen's said that while it is difficult to go in depth on the subject, students should be aware that the food industry operates like every other industry.

"We have an economic system that allows for government intervention [that] should protect us, but creates greater separation between the consumer and the supplier," McElveen said.

McElveen's discussion will focus primarily on what students can do about the

food industry as individuals, on a local level and beyond.

Mims said that the main difference between last year's topic and this year's is the visibility of health and wellness on campus.

"Health and wellness has visible ties on campus whereas hunger and poverty was more abstract," Mims said. "We're not turning away from hunger and poverty. It's not being pushed away or set aside. Poverty contributes to the pool of chance for disease."

Mims recognizes that there is a "natural bridge between themes," but that they are not the same thing.

"Hunger and poverty, feeding the homeless, that's health and wellness too," McElveen said. "Once you step outside the box, you can frame anything for health and wellness. Health and wellness is so broad I can't think of a topic that cannot relate."

The overall aim of the wellness center is providing resource to the campus community to enhance academics and enhance student health. McElveen said the new SAGA topic offers a chance to "increase awareness of existing programs."

This year, the wellness center will be holding its first ever sampler of wellness programs.

The wellness center will offer three modified group exercise classes that are 30 minutes each and short wellness screening

and fitness assessments. There will be intramurals to play, an open pool as well as a DJ and raffle prizes.

On Sept. 15, there will be a Wellness and Volunteer Fair from 11-2 p.m. in Thrift Alumni. The Wellness Center is collaborating with the Life and Cultural center for the event.

Grassroots, a local restaurant, will have food demos of recipes students can make in their room. McElveen said the recipes would offer natural, wholesome, healthy options for students.

On Sept. 17, the wellness center will offer its first nutrition topics workshop, "Why Diets Don't Work."

The workshops will be on select Fridays at noon in the Dubose Conference room.

The wellness center continually offers fitness assessments, personal training and four different smoking cessation classes. The first smoking cessation class will be on Oct. 7 at 5:30 p.m. The classes are on campus, free and open to the public.

Mims is taking a special interest in connecting more students to the action aspect of SAGA. Through use of SAGA's Facebook page, a "SAGA mentoring" portal tab and the college's SAGA webpage, Mims hopes that there will more connectivity that is instantaneous for students.

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## Women's Soccer

# Mocs rely on training and tenacity

**Katie Amick**  
Staff Writer

After extensive training and preparation for the season, the Florida Southern College Lady Mocs soccer team is finally ready to hit the field.

The team has only had a week to prepare for the season due to NCAA's new rules – which has shortened pre-season by a week – but that has not stopped the team from being any less prepared.

Senior forward Princess Haley describes the team's two-a-day trainings as running, sprints, fitness testing and learning new tactics. They are even continuing their two-a-days schedule even as classes have already begun.

Although their training may seem tiring and gruesome, they still believe that all their hard training is what it takes to be as good as they were last year and better.

"We want a winning season and to win all 18 games on our schedule so we can win conference and host the conference tournament," senior defender Ashlie Haas said.

The stakes are high, but after last year's 12-8-1 season they believe they have the motivation this year to go all the way to the

NCAA National Championship.

"We are not going to stop until we win, so see you in Kentucky, because that's where nationals are!" Haley said.

On top of winning, the players are also looking to expand the program by having individual players excel.

"My goal is to get more player of the weeks just to get our program more recognized," Haley said. "That's one of my personal goals to make people want to know what's going on here at Florida Southern."

The Lady Mocs are also proud to welcome seven freshmen, two new assistant coaches and two new trainers to their team this year.

The freshmen include Jessica Giblin, Mandy Terbruggen, Elise Fisher, Kara Moore, Cat Hasell, Alyssa Abrahamsen and Megan Sandoval.

"We've got a solid group of freshman that have come in this year," Haas said. "We've got several that are making runs for starting positions and we have several others that are making us better each and every day with their hard work."

To many fans and players, the new assistant coaches come as familiar faces.

New assistant coach, Erin Hopkins was an All-American midfielder at Florida

Southern College before she graduated in 2009 with an Athletic Training degree. Hopkins has now joined the Florida Southern College coaching staff and hopes to teach the same love of the game that she was taught while she was playing here.

Another familiar face, Renee Heacock, was a two-year defensive starter for the Mocs and graduated just last spring with a nursing degree.

"I feel they offer great advice in regards to how we are proceeding in coaching women," Lady Mocs head coach Ben Strawbridge said. "They are very good soccer players and the girls respect them, so it helps that they played well and helped establish a legacy here on campus and now they're getting to be a part of that."

The two new trainers are Ryan Payne and Meghan Fornoff. Strawbridge describes Ryan as a very respected friend and trainer. Whereas, he described Meghan as passionate and is very respected by the players as well as himself.

"I am very impressed with both Meghan and Ryan," Strawbridge said.

The teams' first home game and first Sunshine State Conference game will be held on Sept. 15th at 7 p.m. at Barnett Field.

## From the sidelines

### All Sports

Fifty-one student-athletes earned Division II Academic Achievement Awards from the Division II Athletic Directors Association for the 2009-10 academic year.

### Water Ski

Lady Moc Keri McClure won the women's overall title in July at the American Water Ski Association Southern Regional Championships in Groveland.

The junior placed first in the slalom and tricks competition and was second in the jump competition.

McClure has also been selected to the U.S. Under 21 Team that will compete in the 2010 Pan American Water Ski Championships in November in Chile.

Senior Adam Shipanock placed third overall at the same Southern Regional.

### Men's Basketball

The Moccasins will see exhibition play again NCAA Division I powers Butler, Maryland and Miami (Fla.) beginning Oct. 30

## Commentary — Men's Soccer

# Squad begins hopeful journey to season

**Adam Dunn**  
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Looking back, saying that the final record for the 2009 Florida Southern Men's Soccer team was disappointing is quite frankly an understatement.

Last year, the Mocs went 1-7 in the Sunshine State Conference, finishing last in conference standings, and 1-12-1 overall, their only win, a 3-1 victory at home over SSC opponent Florida Tech.

This was the Moccasins' worst season in the last 4 years. However, everyone is looking forward to the 2010 season.

The Mocs have many great players returning, such as senior goalkeeper Johan Jonsson, senior midfielder Jared Bellinger, senior forward Givi Kokaia, and sopho-

more defender Ashely Holmes, who was out all of last season with an injury.

In this year's SSC preseason poll, the Moccasins were picked ninth. Although this ranking does not initially boast the team's potential but a closer look at SSC history reveals a different story – five different teams have won either the regular season or SSC tournament over the last five years giving the Moccasins a fighting chance.

The Mocs first game is Thursday, Sept. 2 against Mount Olive in North Carolina and their first SSC game is September 18 against Eckerd College, a team that went 3-5 in the SSC and 6-10 overall last season.

All home games will be played at Barnett Field.

## Moc Figures

**2<sup>nd</sup>** The preseason NCAA South Regional ranking the men's cross country team received.

**3** Division I basketball teams that the men's basketball team will see in exhibition play come November.

**12** National championships for the men's golf team, including last season's championship season.

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# Sports

## Athletes strive to continue streaks

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Sports Editor

Florida Southern's varsity fall sports programs are continuously training to continue their Sunshine State Conference dominance as Sept. surrounds the sports arena.

Both the men's and women's cross country teams are training to build upon their reign atop the SSC.

The volleyball squad is striving for more digs and kills than in past seasons.

### Men's Cross Country

The men have an opportunity to win their 14th consecutive SSC men's championship. This seems likely after the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association agreed that the Mocs can possibly finish second in South Region ahead of all SSC rivals.

The Moccasins have an experienced squad of seven runners who have run at both the NCAA regional and national championship meets.

Leading the men is last year's SSC champion, senior Ben Martucci. He also placed third in the South Regional meet

and 22nd at the NCAA Division II Championship.

The other six returning top runners include seniors Drew Martucci and J.J. Blackburn, juniors Eric Larson and Jason Patchett-Gillis and sophomore Bryce Loudermilk and Zack Kovacic.

### Women's Cross Country

The Lady Mocs were picked ninth in the NCAA South Regional poll.

Unlike the men's cross country team which is returning all seven top runners, the Lady Mocs are only welcoming back two of their top seven runners.

Senior Kelsey Dunn and junior Karys Whitehead will be leading the young team through this season.

The Lady Mocs are entering their 15th season and can continue their 14-year streak of finishing either first or second in the SSC championship meet.

Both the men and women's cross-country teams begin their trek to victorious seasons and streaks Sept. 18 at the University of Florida's Mountain Dew Invitational at Gainesville.

Last year, the men finished the invitational in fourth place and the women fin-

ished in 11th place — but ahead of all SSC rivals.

### Volleyball

The Lady Mocs were picked to finish fourth in the SSC preseason poll — behind University of Tampa, Saint Leo and Lynn University — which is voted upon by the conference's head volleyball coaches and sports information directors.

The returning starters for this year's squad include senior Kelly Sherman, juniors Anne Pietkiewicz, Lauren Huber and Anna Niebuhr.

The Lady Mocs have welcomed Angelo State, Missouri S&T, Montevallo and SW Baptist this weekend as they host their first tournament of the season.

The Lady Mocs took Angelo State on Thursday night. Their next game will be Friday at 7 p.m. against SW Baptist.

The team will then play Montevallo at 1 p.m. and Missouri S&T at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Tickets each day are \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and students, with children 12 and under admitted free.

## Words From The Pit

"It [men's cross country second place preseason ranking] feels great! But with our confidence this year, the feeling may get even better if we can bring home the gold that I think we are quite capable of."

**Ben Martucci**

Senior Moccasin cross country runner

## Excuse me, fanatics, football is in session

**Ashley Islas**  
Sports Editor

Oh the boys of fall are back and after a summer full of headlines about NFL divas like Brett Favre who feels the need to demand attention or Troy Polamalu who really insured his hair for one million dollars — because money can take the place of his Samoan heritage's custom if it is damaged.

In all seriousness, this is one of the most exciting times of the year. We are now faced with 16 weeks — excluding play offs — of analysts making wrong picks, fans make picks based on loyalty and good times around any television whenever the boys step onto the field.

After watching the preseason games, I still have a few questions about what's to come this season for nearly every team around the league.

The New York Jets were one of the most active teams during the offseason by ac-

quiring running back LaDainian Tomlinson, linebacker Jason Taylor — I still ache when I see him in that filthy green — wide receiver Santonio Holmes and cornerback Antonio Cromartie.

It's hard to say if the Jets will be able to live up to the hype Rex Ryan has proclaimed on more than one occasion. Their defense should be one of the best in the league, but will their offense push them over the New England Patriots at the end of the day?

As for the Patriots, will they be able to shy away from more injuries this season and overcome ones from previous seasons?

As soon as I heard that Terrell Owens was going to be joining the Cincinnati Bengals and Chad Ochocino, I was left with one question — how can two players with such strong egos co-exist on one team that needs to bolster their passing game?

With Ben Rothlisberger serving a suspension for violating the league's personal conduct policy, the Pittsburgh Steelers are

faced with the chance of having three losses in the first four weeks as they begin their season against the Baltimore Ravens, Tennessee Titans and Atlanta Falcons — all teams who have their eyes on visiting Walt Disney World come post-season.

After their disappointing Super Bowl loss to the New Orleans Saints last season, the Indianapolis Colts did little to their offensive line — which carried the blame for the loss — this off-season. Will Peyton Manning be able to recover and being a push for the post season with a line that has remained nearly untouched?

Will Sam Bradford become the starting quarterback for the St. Louis Rams? A.J. Feely is still steering the ship, but that can surely change and when it changes who will Bradford resemble Manning or David Carr who was sacked 76 times his first year before developing into a consistent QB?

Will the Saints be able to build upon leading the league in both total yards and points scored last season?

Will Josh Freeman's strong arm and mobility help sail him towards becoming a franchise QB?

Oh, Brett Favre, I respect that you had

one of your best seasons last year — statistically speaking — but can you handle taking a sack with an ankle like yours?

After last year's pathetic season, I do hope the Detroit Lions can establish some kind of winning record, but can they?

Are the San Francisco 49ers the team to beat in the NFC West? Offensively, the team is boasting a solid line with Vernon Davis at tight end, Frank Gore at running back and Michael Crabtree at wide receiver.

Are the Philadelphia Eagles going to be able to withstand the Dallas Cowboys attitude that has made them an early Super Bowl favorite?

Overall, the NFC East made several changes from trading a franchise QB to replacing coaching staffs, but will these changes work in their favor or were the teams too hasty in what some consider risky trades and acquisitions?

Will Tim Tebow see playing time for the Denver Broncos this season? I highly doubt it especially after Kyle Orton signed a contract extension in August. Will Tebow be used in the "wildcat" formation or goal line situations? Definitely.



## Home Athletic Events

Fri.	Sept. 3	Volleyball	vs	Southwest Baptist	Jenkins Field House	7 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 4	Volleyball	vs	Montevallo	Jenkins Field House	1 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 4	Volleyball	vs	Missouri S&T	Jenkins Field House	7 p.m.
Tues.	Sept. 7	M Soccer	vs	Clearwater Christian	Barnett Field	7 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 15	W Soccer	vs	Eckerd*	Barnett Field	7 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 15	Volleyball	vs	Florida Tech*	Jenkins Field House	7 p.m.
Thurs.	Sept. 16	Volleyball	vs	Lynn*	Jenkins Field House	4 p.m.

\*indicates Sunshine State Conference game